

JESS DUNN CORRECTIONAL CENTER

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The Jess Dunn Correctional Center (JDCC) is located in Muskogee County 10 miles west of Muskogee. The minimum-security facility houses 960 male inmates. JDCC covers approximately 1,100 acres and includes four dormitories and a farm. In 2000, the state built a 42-bed special management unit using inmate labor.

JDCC was built in 1932 as a mental hospital for African-American patients. Since then, it has been a tuberculosis sanitarium, a juvenile girls facility, and a co-ed home. ODOC took over the facility in 1980 from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. It is named after Jess Dunn, the warden of Oklahoma State Penitentiary from 1938 until 1941. He died in a shootout after an inmate attempted an escape.



CareerTech

A CareerTech Skills Center offers inmates technical training for workforce re-entry after release. CareerTech also helps inmates find skill-related employment after release. Courses at JDCC include Career Readiness and Green Technologies.



Education

Many inmates lack education, a key component in avoiding re-incarceration. JDCC offers literacy courses as well as diplomas for Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency.



Substance Abuse Treatment

For those inmates who need substance abuse treatment, JDCC teaches them ways to avoid drug and alcohol use, while also helping them develop the cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skills needed.



Criminal Thinking

JDCC offers Thinking for a Change, Moral Reconation Therapy, and Associates 4 Success programs to address thinking, judgment errors, and relationships linked with criminal behavior.